

August 22, 2007

Mr. Fred Meurer
City Manager, City of Monterey
City Hall, 580 Pacific St.
Monterey, CA 93940

Subject: Light Brown Apple Moth treatments set for September 5th, 6th, and 7th in Monterey

Dear Mr. Meurer,

I have learned of concerns expressed about our planned treatments for Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM), which we set for September 5th, 6th, and 7th in your city. I want to publicly thank Senator Maldonado, Assemblymembers Laird and Caballero, and Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner Eric Lauritzen for sharing the local perspective with me.

CDFA believes these treatments are critically necessary and should take place when scheduled due to the life cycle of the pest. We chose materials that impact just this one moth, while impacting the public and the environment as little as possible. This approach is supported by the significant international consequences of failing to eradicate the pest.

However, CDFA will not proceed without giving your council and citizens an opportunity to discuss these issues. Therefore, we commit to taking advantage of your council's desire to host a public forum if it can be held next week, preferably Wednesday evening, August 29. In anticipation that this meeting can occur, I have ordered staff not to proceed with these treatments until directed otherwise.

I also commit to being at the public forum unless another emergency intervenes, and to make available key members of my executive team to do the same. We commit to explaining in detail to the council and the citizens of your city why it is so very critical that these treatments take place as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



A.G. Kawamura
Secretary

cc: Eric Lauritzen
Monterey County Agriculture Commissioner

